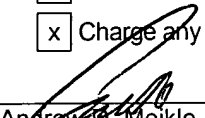
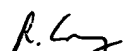




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Applicant(s): Isamu TSUMORI et al.					
Invention: PROCESS FOR PREPARING RUBBER SHEET AND TREAD AND STUDLESS TIRE USING SAME					
<b>MS Amendment</b> <b>Commissioner for Patents</b> <b>P.O. Box 1450</b> <b>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</b>					
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Further to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed March 6, 2006, action being suspended for a period of two (2) months until May 6, 2006 (Saturday), the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.